

REMARKS

Please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10 are amended and claims 32-97 are added. It is believed that no new matter is introduced by way of these amendments. Claims 1-97 are now pending in the present application. Consideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 17 - 20 were amended to correct, among other things, clerical errors. The preambles of claims 1, 5, and 9 were amended to include the phrase - - the steps of - -, and the preambles of claims 2 and 10 were changed to delete "comprising" and replace therefor - - including the step of - -. Furthermore, claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18 and 20 were amended to change the phrase "wireless unit parameters" to the phrase - - wireless unit parameter - -, and claims 3 and 19 were amended to change the phrase "wireless unit parameters comprise" to the phrase - - wireless unit parameter comprises- -.

In addition, claim 11 was amended to delete the phrase "action A comprises" and replace therefor the phrase - - step A further includes the step of: - -; claim 14 was amended to delete the phrase "action B comprises" and replace therefor the phrase - - step B further includes the step of: - -; and claims 17 and 18 were amended to delete the phrase "action C comprises," and replace therefor the phrase - - step C further includes the step of: - -.

New Claims

Claims 32-97 have been newly added to cover other embodiments. Specifically, independent claim 32 covers a unit that is locked against use for communications until the unit is unlocked, and dependent claims 33 – 42 further define and clarify the invention of claim 32.

Independent claim 43 covers a method to render a unit loaded with an identifier unless for communication, and dependent claims 44 – 48 further define and clarify the invention of claim 43.

Independent claim 49 covers a method to unlock a unit that has been loaded with an identifier and that has been locked, and dependent claims 50 – 54 further define and clarify the invention of claim 49.

Independent claim 55 covers a computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer program for rendering a unit, which has a unique identifier, useless for operation until the unit is unlocked, and dependent claims 56 – 59 further define and clarify the invention of claim 55.

Independent claim 60 covers a method of controlling the use of a communication device that has an identifier, and its dependent claims, 61 – 71, further define and clarify the invention of claim 60.

Independent claim 72 covers a lockable/unlockable communication unit, and its dependent claims, 72 – 75, further define and clarify the invention of claim 72.

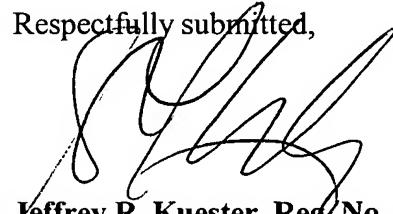
Independent claim 76 covers a system for controlling use of a communication unit, and its dependent claims, 77 – 87, further define and clarify the invention of claim 76.

Independent claim 88 covers a computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer program for controlling use of a communication unit having an identifier, and its dependent claims 89 – 97 further define and clarify the invention of claim 55.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the now pending claims 1-97 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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